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DIVISION OF MENTAL RETARDATION SERVICES
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MEMORANDUM

To: Providers of Speech Language and Hearing Services
Independent Support Coordinators

From: Stephen H. Norris, Deputy Commissioner

Re: Speech Language Pathology (SLP) Service Provision by Clinical Fellows

Date: December 8, 2006

A detailed, statewide review of SLP services needs and the utilization of SLP Clinical Fellows has been completed. The ability to utilize SLP Clinical Fellows has assured a significant number of service recipients needing SLP services have been able to obtain them.

It has been further confirmed that SLP Clinical Fellow services cannot be funded through the Home and Community Based Services Waiver as Clinical Fellows are not licensed. Therefore, these services must continue to be state-funded. State funding within the Division of Mental Retardation Services (DMRS) for services is extremely limited. In addition, our review indicated that a significant number of services provided by SLP Clinical Fellows were billed as waiver services resulting in significant billing issues.

Based on the above review, it has been determined that SLP Clinical Fellows can continue to provide services for the Division of Mental Retardation Services on a limited basis. The following limitations apply:

- 1.) Only 12 Clinical Fellows statewide can be in place and billing for state-funded Clinical Fellow services at any one time.
- 2.) Providers desiring to hire or contract with a Clinical Fellow for SLP services must complete the attached *Clinical Fellow Registration Form* and submit it to the State Therapeutic Services Director in the DMRS Central Office prior to hiring or contracting with the Clinical Fellow.
- 3.) Supervision must be provided in accordance with the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association requirements.
- 4.) Supervision must be provided by a licensed SLP within the same agency who is providing services to individuals supported through the Division of Mental Retardation Services.

As a reminder, all Clinical Fellow SLP services must be requested through the ISP process and billed utilizing state funded service codes. A copy of the codes is attached.

Agencies inappropriately billing the waiver for services provided by a Clinical Fellow will be subject to recoupment. This includes billing for Clinical Fellows who have not been registered.

Please contact Karen Wills at (615) 532-3063 in the Central Office with any questions.

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DMRS Registration for Clinical Fellows

Prior to Clinical Fellows (CF) providing Speech Language Pathology services, the therapeutic service provider must register the CF with the Division of Mental Retardation Services. Please complete one form per CF. The following information is required:

Today's date: _____

Name of agency: _____

Name of CF: _____

Clinical Fellowship Year
start date: _____

Clinical Fellowship Year
projected end date: _____

Supervising Speech Language Pathologist (SLP): _____

Please contact Karen Wills at (615) 532-3063 or Holly Wood at (615) 253-8338 with any questions. This registration form must be faxed or mailed to Karen Wills, State Therapeutic Services Director at the DMRS Central Office (address above). Fax number (615) 532-9940.

Name of Person Completing This Form

Phone/Fax

Email Address

DMRS has approved the use of this CF during this projected time ☐

DMRS has denied the use of this CF during this projected time ☐

DMRS Signature

Date

State Funded SLP Clinical Fellow Service Codes

SLH Clinical Fellows	Short Name	State Funding	Main Waiver	Arlington Waiver	SD Waiver (State Funded)
SHL 1 - Clinical Fellows	SLH1CF	5Z141	N/A	N/A	8Z141
SHL 2 - 46+ Clinical Fellows	SLH2CF	5Z142	N/A	N/A	8Z142
SHL 3 - 76+ Clinical Fellows	SLH3CF	5Z143	N/A	N/A	8Z143
SHL 1 - Assessment Clinical Fellows	SLH1CFASMT	5Z151	N/A	N/A	8Z151
SHL 2 - Assessment 46+ Clinical Fellows	SLH2CFASMT	5Z152	N/A	N/A	8Z152
SHL 3 - Assessment 76+ Clinical Fellows	SLH3CFASMT	5Z153	N/A	N/A	8Z153
SHL 1 Equip Asmt Training - Clinical Fellows	SLH1CFETASMT	5Z161	N/A	N/A	8Z161
SHL 2 - 46+ Equip Asmt Training - Clinical Fellows	SLH2CFETASMT	5Z162	N/A	N/A	8Z162
SHL 3 - 76+ Equip Asmt Training - Clinical Fellows	SLH3CFETASMT	5Z163	N/A	N/A	8Z163
SHL 1 Equipment Training - Clinical Fellows	SLH1CFET	5Z164	N/A	N/A	8Z164
SHL 2 - 46+ Equipment Training - Clinical Fellows	SLH2CFET	5Z165	N/A	N/A	8Z165
SHL 3 - 76+ Equipment Training - Clinical Fellows	SLH3CFET	5Z166	N/A	N/A	8Z166